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Considerable copy has been generated the past half year about population and migratory shifts of people. Most of this verbiage has centered on alleged events since the 1980 Census and, in my opinion, are sure to be greatly muddied by the high rates of unemployment experienced throughout the United States during the period. At this point in the decade we have mostly inference derived from statistical relationships predicated on past performance. While the inferences may be completely accurate, more time is needed to see the effects of any such movement in corroborating data series.

However, we do have some relatively hard data from the 1980 and 1970 censuses. One of the questions asked of approximately 25 percent of the households in the 1980 Census was "Where did you live in 1975?" A similar question was asked of about 20 percent of the households in the 1970 Census. Let's take a look at the results of those two questions to see if any sense can be made.

The first table presents interregional migration for Alabama. The columns labeled "IN" show the count of persons who on Census day were found residing in Alabama but indicated that in either 1965 or 1975 they had lived in some state other than Alabama. Similarly, the columns labeled "OUT" show the persons who on Census day resided outside of Alabama but indicated that in either 1965 or 1975 they had lived in Alabama. All of these counts include military and dependents as well as persons moving due to corporate reassignments, and the data only show the relative movements in time, not where the person "originated."

TABLE 1. ALABAMA INTERREGIONAL MIGRATION
1965 TO 1970 AND 1975 TO 1980

Origin-Destination	1965-1970 In	1965-1970 Out	1965-1970 Net	1975-1980 In	1975-1980 Out	1975-1980 Net
Northeast	18,723	26,906	-8,183	31,188	14,516	16,672
North Central	44,200	56,885	-12,685	59,720	38,874	20,846
South	155,555	196,518	-40,963	201,683	187,464	14,219
West	25,254	36,069	-10,815	27,363	31,860	-4,497
Total All States	243,732	316,378	-72,646	319,954	272,714	47,240

The conclusions to be drawn from the table are obvious. From a significantly net loser of population via migration during the 1960s, Alabama became a net gainer during the 1970s. The only region continuing to draw population away from the state was the West. Furthermore, in both periods, Alabamians who left apparently preferred other southern states. These data tend to support the surmise that Alabamians subsequently may be more easily brought home because they remain in the region.

The second table presents these data in more detail. Each state is shown with the appropriate data from the 1970 and 1980 censuses. In their geographic order, these data do not seem to show much of a pattern. If they are sorted, however, we find that of the ten states attracting most Alabamians during the second half of the '60s, five of them subsequently were among the top ten providing in-migrants during the 1975-80 period. Furthermore, the eleven states that were the most frequent destinations of Alabamians leaving during 1965-70 were the top eleven states of origin for in-migrants to Alabama during the late '70s.

Does this mean we have evidence of a "return migration?" I'm not sure. We need other information to reach such a conclusion. One of the many projects CBER hopes to undertake is an examination of migrants identified in the Public Use Samples from 1980. Such a study will probably parallel *Socioeconomic Characteristics of Alabama Migrants*, published by CBER in 1975. Hopefully we will glean some more information about the origin of Alabama migrants.

TABLE 2. ALABAMA INTERSTATE MIGRATION
RANKED BY 1975-1980 IN-MIGRATION

Origin-Destination	1965-1970 In	1965-1970 Out	1965-1970 Net	1975-1980 In	1975-1980 Out	1975-1980 Net
Florida	32,956	43,067	-10,111	46,682	34,047	12,635
Georgia	31,568	44,347	-12,779	43,433	35,641	7,792
Tennessee	18,152	18,740	-588	22,294	22,172	122
Mississippi	15,472	16,416	-944	16,985	17,496	-511
Texas	13,917	21,878	-7,961	16,460	24,285	-7,825
California	12,908	20,532	-7,624	13,656	14,779	-1,123
Illinois	12,342	10,930	1,412	13,399	7,473	5,926
Ohio	7,098	11,971	-4,873	13,238	8,354	4,884
New York	7,382	11,330	-3,948	13,190	4,726	8,464
Michigan	6,608	16,961	-10,353	11,354	7,656	3,698
North Carolina	6,530	9,641	-3,111	10,202	8,714	1,488
Virginia	6,993	9,160	-2,167	9,377	8,259	1,118
Louisiana	8,555	9,320	-765	8,730	12,514	-3,784
Indiana	5,717	5,694	23	7,128	3,636	3,492
Kentucky	4,110	3,827	283	6,719	5,627	1,092
South Carolina	4,946	6,468	-1,522	6,689	6,233	456
Pennsylvania	3,709	4,340	-631	6,109	3,379	2,730
New Jersey	3,241	4,365	-1,124	4,697	2,501	2,196
Missouri	4,214	4,698	-484	4,332	3,776	556
Maryland	3,061	4,486	-1,425	4,287	3,490	797
Arkansas	3,367	2,224	1,143	3,391	3,152	239
Oklahoma	3,323	4,841	-1,518	2,993	3,818	-825
Colorado	2,112	2,938	-826	2,959	3,627	-668
Kansas	2,351	2,003	348	2,958	2,516	442
Massachusetts	1,681	3,454	-1,773	2,920	1,402	1,518
Connecticut	1,164	2,053	-889	2,283	1,743	540
Arizona	1,439	2,080	-641	2,116	2,731	-615
Wisconsin	1,450	1,668	-218	2,092	1,349	743
Iowa	1,227	571	656	1,903	1,050	853
Hawaii	1,505	1,209	296	1,790	1,462	328
West Virginia	1,405	707	698	1,764	986	778
Washington	1,764	4,620	-2,856	1,736	3,079	-1,343
Minnesota	1,439	1,156	283	1,477	1,333	144
Alaska	1,331	1,211	120	1,330	1,249	81
New Mexico	1,431	962	469	909	1,384	-475
Delaware	320	375	-55	859	357	502
District of Columbia	880	1,021	-141	818	673	145
Nebraska	1,018	796	222	816	1,030	-214
Maine	426	259	167	768	297	471
Oregon	826	573	253	698	623	75
Rhode Island	687	601	86	638	72	566
North Dakota	401	250	151	637	287	350
Nevada	305	517	-212	569	868	-299
Montana	446	292	154	512	244	268
New Hampshire	301	335	-34	461	229	232
Idaho	361	237	124	400	491	-91
South Dakota	335	187	148	386	414	-28
Utah	480	614	-134	365	1,092	-727
Wyoming	346	284	62	323	231	92
Vermont	132	169	-37	122	167	-45
Total All States	243,732	316,378	-72,646	319,954	272,714	47,240
Abroad	21,377			28,706		

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1970 and 1980 Censuses of Population, "Interstate Migration by State: 1970" and "State of Residence in 1975 by State of Residence in 1980."

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	24,467	25,869	2,032	1,664	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,885	133,892	11,258	11,590	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	.....
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	331,792	320,808	27,632	26,680	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	27,904	.....
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,669	20,011	1,714	1,742	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	.....
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,907	21,431	1,659	1,499	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,153	5,419	462	406	484	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	1,880,000	2,011,200	159,500	169,400	139,500	144,900	253,800	225,500	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000
Residential	289,300	847,200	83,400	59,300	74,700	70,600	104,500	107,700	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300
Nonresidential	659,700	660,000	54,100	45,600	47,600	56,000	93,000	74,400	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000
Public works and utilities	354,100	504,000	22,200	64,400	17,100	18,500	56,400	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	988	928	73	71	60	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,451	4,598	4,547	4,598	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,159	5,191	5,204
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,081,208	2,112,332	174,617	154,150	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579
Franchise	48,167	52,016	2,255	1,492	443	861	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,986
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	201,271	197,894	16,293	15,907	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,489
Income	772,011	765,160	71,940	49,032	45,667	79,861	76,745	48,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559
Motor fuels	40,470	41,505	5,149	3,448	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,573
Oil/gas privilege	42,074	36,891	2,805	2,953	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115
Oil/gas production	19,254	18,510	1,401	1,468	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339
Sales	543,673	562,208	46,451	49,258	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500
2.2% Gross receipts	39,527	44,104	130	35	10,560	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63
TVA electric	29,317	35,999	5,661	2,831	.....	2,831	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	.....
Tobacco	70,384	70,885	5,698	5,849	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454
Use	66,247	67,876	1,372	1,017	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389
Utility	123,790	134,597	10,123	16,079	12,180	12,368	13,717	12,102	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	272.3	288.8	293.2	292.0	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1
Food	274.6	285.7	286.4	286.5	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5
Housing	293.5	314.7	319.0	316.3	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0
Fuel and utilities	319.2	350.8	362.2	364.1	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3
Apparel and upkeep	186.9	191.8	195.4	193.6	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7
Transportation	280.0	291.5	295.8	294.8	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.X
Medical care	294.5	328.7	342.2	344.3	347.8	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9
Energy	410.0	416.0	422.6	419.9	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	293.3	299.3	300.3	300.7	299.9	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.3	305.6
Industrial commodities	304.0	312.3	315.0	315.2	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.2	318.7	318.3
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	123.5	115.8	112.0	110.0	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)* As measured by															
Consumer prices	.367	.346	.341	.342	.341	.341	.341	.338	.337	.335	.334	.333	.331	.330	.330
Wholesale prices	.341	.334	.333	.333	.333	.332	.333	.333	.332	.331	.330	.328	.328	.326	.327
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,669.0	1,713.0	1,737.9	1,720.2	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9
Unemployment	178.0	247.0	268.1	266.9	289.9	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1
Unemployment rate	10.7	14.4	15.4	15.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6
Employment	1,491.0	1,466.0	1,469.8	1,453.3	1,441.6	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8
Nonagricultural	1,347.6	1,312.5	1,302.4	1,299.8	1,282.9	1,285.6	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6
Manufacturing	362.0	337.8	327.8	326.7	323.8	326.6	329.7	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3
Durable goods	174.6	159.1	151.7	150.5	149.2	151.2	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6
Lumber and wood products	27.2	25.1	25.3	25.2	25.2	25.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.6	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7
Primary metals	36.6	29.6	25.3	24.7	25.1	25.0	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6
Blast furn. and steel works	13.5	8.8	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5
Iron and steel foundries	12.4	11.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5
Fabricated metals	25.8	22.8	22.0	21.8	21.1	20.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4
Machinery (incl. elecirical)	34.7	34.3	33.5	33.6	32.4	32.6	32.8	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.5	33.9	33.9	34.0	34.4
Transportation	23.7	22.6	21.4	21.3	20.9	21.1	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7
Other durable goods	16.9	16.0	15.8	15.7	15.0	16.0	16.1	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2
Nondurable goods	187.4	178.8	176.1	175.8	174.6	175.4	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7
Food	27.9	26.5	26.5	26.2	26.2	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2
Textile mill products	42.1	38.8	38.5	38.4	37.8	37.7	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3
Apparel	54.7	53.0	52.4	52.2	51.9	52.7	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4
Paper and allied products	20.8	21.0	20.9	21.4	21.0	20.8	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4
Printing and publishing	10.1	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3
Chemicals and allied products	14.5	13.1	12.1	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8
Rubber products	14.7	13.8	13.4	13.5	13.4	13.9	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1
Other nondurable goods	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	985.6	974.7	974.6	973.5	959.1	959.0	964.7	977.9	983.1	990.7	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3
Mining and quarrying	15.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	14.4	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.4	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6
Bituminous coal mining	11.2	12.1	11.6	11.2	11.1	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4
Contract construction	63.9	56.8	56.8	54.3	51.6	52.7	54.2	57.7	59.3	61.6	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.2	71.1	70.8	70.4	69.4	68.8	68.8	69.4	70.1	70.9	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9
Trade	271.7	267.4	267.9	273.4	264.1	261.1	262.9	267.5	269.3	272.5	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0
Wholesale	71.7	70.0	68.9	68.4	68.5	68.2	68.5	69.0	69.2	70.3	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8
Retail	200.0	197.4	199.0	205.0	195.6	192.9	194.4	198.5	200.1	202.2	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.6	58.8	58.6	58.8	58.4	58.4	58.9	59.1	59.3	60.1	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6
Service and miscellaneous	211.2	214.4	214.0	213.7	212.3	213.6	215.3	218.6	218.0	219.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6
Government	291.3	290.1	291.7	289.0	288.9	290.8	291.1	292.0	293.7	292.2	296.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6
Federal	65.4	65.1	64.9	64.5	64.2	64.0	64.4	64.2	64.5	65.4	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1
State and local	225.8	224.9	226.8	224.5	224.7	226.8	226.7	227.8	229.2	226.8	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	314,801	176,752	12,269	10,457	15,331	14,996	18,927	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	.....
Nonagricultural placements	77,868	66,900	3,961	3,342	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	.....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	487,153	632,290	41,857	53,339	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	.....
Payments *($1,000)*	168,760	233,984	19,383	25,027	23,232	20,554	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	.....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	14,320	15,380	15,580	15,670	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,090	15,030	15,200	15,460	15,580
	9.3	14.7	13.6	19.1	19.4	18.0	16.5	16.2	13.2	12.9	12.0	11.3	12.3	12.5	13.0
Baldwin	32,990	33,640	33,660	33,880	34,080	34,090	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790	34,650	35,000
	7.7	12.0	13.2	14.1	14.3	14.1	12.7	11.5	11.4	10.5	11.6	10.8	11.5	11.5	12.2
Barbour	11,210	11,410	11,670	11,630	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580	11,860	11,690
	12.4	16.4	14.5	15.5	17.4	16.4	15.2	13.9	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.7	11.6	11.7	12.1
Bibb	5,410	5,640	5,600	5,710	5,880	5,840	5,860	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,750	5,240	5,550	5,600	5,680
	20.2	22.9	22.1	27.2	27.1	26.6	23.8	20.5	18.4	17.3	16.8	16.4	18.9	16.4	17.2
Blount	14,080	14,100	13,750	13,700	13,870	14,010	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,580	13,900	13,460
	11.9	19.7	20.4	21.8	23.0	21.3	18.9	17.5	17.2	17.2	17.6	15.2	15.3	14.9	15.9
Bullock	4,470	4,310	4,600	4,440	4,110	4,140	4,160	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,670	4,820	4,700
	16.5	18.5	20.9	22.3	21.2	20.5	18.6	15.5	14.6	16.9	19.2	18.4	15.6	15.3	16.4
Butler	9,840	10,020	10,300	10,210	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,750	9,740	9,930	9,820	9,880	10,300	10,090
	13.0	20.1	21.6	22.4	21.9	21.1	21.2	17.2	16.5	16.7	16.5	15.3	14.3	16.0	14.5
Calhoun	45,000	45,810	45,740	46,110	45,900	46,570	46,560	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420	47,190	47,080
	11.0	15.0	13.3	13.3	15.2	15.6	14.3	12.7	13.2	12.7	12.2	11.5	11.1	12.2	11.7
Chambers	15,920	16,170	15,800	15,840	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470	16,880	16,830
	7.5	11.4	11.6	11.9	12.8	11.4	10.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.6	9.4	8.1	9.3	9.1
Cherokee	11,520	11,300	12,540	11,930	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,180	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390	11,620	11,430
	7.2	14.9	16.3	14.0	16.7	25.2	22.3	14.7	12.1	12.4	18.5	17.2	10.4	14.4	11.4
Chilton	12,710	13,480	13,610	13,900	14,200	14,130	14,140	14,200	14,260	13,920	14,190	14,240	14,320	14,690	14,630
	14.7	15.6	17.9	19.4	20.0	18.6	16.1	14.5	13.9	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.9	11.7	12.3
Choctaw	5,160	5,230	5,460	5,430	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,590	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540	5,630	5,610
	11.7	15.4	15.8	15.1	18.9	16.2	14.3	15.5	15.6	14.8	17.3	13.8	13.0	13.1	12.3
Clarke	10,110	10,470	10,610	10,500	10,710	10,970	10,940	10,590	10,550	10,990	10,940	10,750	10,620	10,790	10,850
	10.9	15.7	22.5	19.0	18.3	19.2	17.9	15.9	15.7	16.9	15.7	14.0	13.6	13.8	14.6
Clay	7,280	7,460	7,540	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,760	7,570	7,980	7,780	7,960	8,060	8,110
	9.1	13.4	15.2	15.7	17.0	14.3	13.0	12.1	13.9	13.5	15.5	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.9
Cleburne	4,900	5,080	5,300	5,340	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,170	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190	5,240	5,220
	8.7	14.5	11.2	12.8	16.5	16.0	13.9	15.3	12.3	12.3	9.8	9.1	10.3	10.2	10.5
Coffee	19,050	19,490	18,230	18,220	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810	20,960	20,840
	10.8	11.8	12.2	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.4	10.6	10.0	9.2	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.5
Colbert	23,110	23,540	23,150	23,660	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,010	23,620	23,540	23,960	23,910	23,770	24,110	24,170
	14.6	19.0	17.7	19.7	22.1	21.9	21.1	19.5	17.5	16.7	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.4
Conecuh	6,770	6,740	7,350	7,370	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,780	6,790	6,760	6,880	6,790	6,830	6,900	6,940
	11.1	14.0	13.4	14.1	13.0	13.2	14.9	13.2	12.1	11.6	11.6	10.9	12.8	12.2	13.2
Coosa	5,840	5,640	5,760	5,740	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,630	5,770	5,490	5,710	5,630	5,770	5,800	5,840
	7.9	10.7	11.0	11.8	12.8	12.0	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.6	10.5	8.9	8.1	8.0	8.7
Covington	15,270	15,440	16,080	16,000	15,630	15,890	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,480	16,550	16,670
	10.4	13.7	12.6	12.7	14.6	14.5	12.9	11.6	10.7	10.0	14.3	12.2	11.5	10.9	12.1
Crenshaw	6,560	6,690	6,800	6,490	6,120	6,220	6,390	6,520	6,700	6,540	6,890	6,650	6,940	7,120	6,790
	10.0	14.1	12.7	12.8	14.1	14.3	13.3	11.7	10.6	11.3	24.4	11.0	10.5	9.7	9.6
Cullman	26,650	27,480	28,090	28,150	27,790	28,600	28,380	28,420	28,500	27,940	28,360	28,030	28,660	29,430	29,070
	12.4	17.1	17.6	19.5	19.8	22.4	16.9	15.0	13.9	13.2	13.5	12.0	12.3	11.8	11.9
Dale	12,130	12,290	12,540	12,690	12,800	12,990	12,920	12,970	12,930	12,610	12,900	12,710	12,650	13,070	13,060
	12.0	13.2	14.3	16.0	16.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.9	12.5	13.3	12.2	11.9	12.6	13.2
Dallas	22,560	23,350	23,650	23,620	23,320	23,580	23,400	23,290	23,290	23,680	24,040	23,700	23,540	23,890	24,120
	12.6	17.6	19.8	21.0	21.4	20.6	19.1	18.8	16.5	16.1	16.7	15.6	15.7	16.0	16.5
DeKalb	27,250	28,460	28,650	28,580	29,020	29,090	29,190	29,550	29,470	29,580	30,610	30,420	30,080	30,450	30,070
	10.3	13.4	14.0	15.0	17.0	16.1	14.7	13.9	12.5	12.6	13.7	11.5	12.3	13.7	13.3
Elmore	19,300	20,280	19,600	19,460	19,830	20,060	20,370	20,210	20,280	20,250	20,240	20,270	20,120	20,410	20,380
	9.4	13.1	12.9	12.3	14.0	13.7	14.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	11.7	11.5	10.9	10.9	10.5
Escambia	15,910	16,330	15,980	15,840	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,860	17,020	17,260
	9.8	13.2	14.1	13.7	13.7	12.9	12.1	12.6	12.6	12.2	13.0	12.2	11.8	12.2	13.4
Etowah	41,600	42,740	43,580	44,110	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,600	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460	42,230	42,510
	13.0	20.5	22.4	23.1	23.9	22.8	21.8	18.0	16.4	15.9	16.1	15.0	14.5	15.0	15.6
Fayette	10,010	9,880	10,400	10,280	9,920	10,120	10,090	10,140	10,040	10,120	10,160	10,220	10,390	10,580	10,530
	7.8	11.4	11.7	11.3	13.5	13.8	13.8	12.8	10.8	9.7	10.8	10.3	10.9	10.1	10.2
Franklin	12,390	13,350	13,000	13,280	13,680	13,690	13,720	13,810	13,780	14,180	14,700	14,430	14,530	14,620	14,660
	12.9	18.4	20.5	23.1	23.5	21.2	19.1	16.4	14.3	15.1	22.8	15.2	16.2	16.3	18.0
Geneva	10,930	10,910	11,300	11,060	10,970	11,130	11,310	11,440	11,750	11,530	11,470	11,830	12,030	12,540	12,320
	10.1	11.3	9.8	11.3	13.3	12.5	11.6	10.0	10.1	9.1	10.1	9.2	8.4	8.5	8.8
Greene	4,360	4,610	4,540	4,510	4,580	4,630	4,790	4,660	4,610	4,560	4,610	4,540	4,660	4,750	4,700
	13.4	16.9	17.3	19.1	21.6	20.6	22.5	16.6	14.6	14.4	14.1	13.3	13.3	13.1	14.1
Hale	4,830	5,040	5,000	4,950	5,060	5,090	5,000	5,030	5,080	5,010	5,340	4,950	5,110	5,260	5,180
	15.8	20.6	19.5	21.3	22.4	20.8	17.7	15.6	14.8	14.5	18.3	13.6	13.7	14.1	16.8
Henry	7,000	6,990	7,220	6,920	6,710	6,800	7,000	7,230	7,400	7,130	7,130	7,050	7,280	7,550	7,330
	8.0	12.2	11.1	11.4	13.3	13.1	12.0	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.8	10.5	10.3	9.8	10.3
Houston	39,480	38,960	40,000	39,820	38,500	38,890	39,290	39,220	39,480	39,340	40,200	39,580	40,280	40,810	40,480
	7.8	10.0	10.8	10.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	10.5	10.7	10.3	11.5	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.3
Jackson	20,920	21,050	21,320	21,170	21,270	21,300	21,220	20,870	20,530	20,140	21,100	20,190	21,120	21,660	21,290
	12.8	20.4	25.0	25.5	27.4	25.9	23.8	21.5	19.2	20.7	22.1	16.8	18.8	20.2	20.2
Jefferson	299,800	305,740	308,870	310,440	310,710	310,140	309,360	305,900	303,490	304,630	309,120	308,210	306,390	308,240	309,910
	10.6	13.8	15.6	15.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	12.8	12.2	11.9	11.7	11.4	11.9	11.5	11.6
Lamar	7,980	8,390	8,360	8,330	8,600	8,750	8,930	9,220	9,280	9,200	9,140	9,090	9,290	9,420	9,460
	8.2	13.4	12.8	12.3	12.3	11.3	10.5	10.2	9.3	9.7	9.8	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.8
Lauderdale	33,270	34,160	33,730	34,150	34,450	34,870	34,660	34,310	34,000	34,450	35,050	34,680	34,620	35,180	35,150
	12.3	17.6	16.6	17.8	19.9	20.0	18.3	16.7	15.3	15.9	16.5	15.0	15.3	15.5	15.1
Lawrence	12,510	14,250	14,620	14,980	15,220	15,190	14,870	14,660	14,290	13,960	13,910	13,670	13,770	14,100	13,990
	14.6	19.0	18.3	21.8	23.8	23.2	20.4	17.6	17.2	17.5	17.6	16.5	16.7	16.7	17.4
Lee	33,140	34,270	33,580	33,860	35,010	35,020	34,730	35,000	35,000	35,160	34,720	34,640	34,880	35,980	36,300
	6.5	9.4	10.6	10.9	13.0	10.7	8.3	7.8	7.7	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.2
Limestone	21,430	22,750	23,270	23,100	23,360	23,580	23,430	23,470	23,400	23,090	23,250	23,430	23,700	23,940	24,060
	10.9	13.7	15.5	15.3	15.7	15.8	13.6	12.2	11.0	9.1	8.6	8.7	9.3	9.2	9.3
Lowndes	4,760	4,990	5,390	5,250	4,900	5,070	5,290	5,350	5,430	5,340	5,420	5,380	5,520	5,660	5,590
	14.3	19.2	17.4	17.5	20.0	19.6	19.7	17.4	15.7	16.6	17.0	17.3	16.2	16.8	15.1
Macon	7,440	7,960	7,660	7,590	7,660	7,680	7,680	7,710	7,790	7,790	7,890	7,900	7,770	7,930	7,780
	10.9	14.7	14.1	14.0	15.9	15.2	13.7	12.6	12.8	15.5	14.3	14.3	11.9	12.1	12.3
Madison	89,880	94,210	95,200	94,260	95,070	95,810	96,420	96,670	97,580	98,820	99,130	100,060	100,340	102,010	102,090
	9.0	10.7	11.6	11.1	11.3	11.2	10.1	8.7	8.6	9.0	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.7	9.0
Marengo	8,970	9,470	9,720	9,500	9,690	9,760	9,850	9,800	9,720	9,880	10,200	9,910	9,910	10,030	10,070
	11.8	15.7	20.0	18.0	18.6	18.6	18.0	16.5	15.2	15.4	15.8	12.7	12.3	12.3	13.1
Marion	12,480	13,240	13,120	13,090	13,710	13,710	13,670	13,780	13,740	13,770	14,000	13,670	13,600	13,790	14,080
	13.2	18.4	21.3	20.8	23.6	21.7	21.2	19.9	18.9	18.7	19.2	16.7	16.4	16.8	18.9
Marshall	31,100	32,900	33,290	33,240	33,500	33,610	33,690	33,670	33,560	34,020	36,170	34,150	34,500	34,980	35,130
	12.4	14.8	15.7	16.0	16.1	15.7	14.3	12.7	11.5	12.0	16.2	10.6	11.1	11.3	11.9
Mobile	156,490	159,880	161,260	161,850	163,250	164,410	164,450	165,690	163,990	166,470	168,060	167,440	164,000	167,450	166,500
	9.6	14.0	15.9	16.5	16.9	17.2	16.1	16.2	15.4	15.1	15.0	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,010	10,250	10,450	10,970	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720	10,940	11,050
	12.0	14.3	13.7	20.6	13.8	13.2	12.6	13.1	13.0	11.5	11.4	11.0	11.2	12.5	13.7
Montgomery	87,220	89,890	87,820	87,610	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710	92,570	93,210
	9.0	10.9	11.8	11.6	12.1	11.7	11.4	10.1	9.7	10.6	10.3	9.9	10.2	10.8	11.1
Morgan	36,610	37,400	37,910	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,550	37,840	37,890
	11.4	16.1	17.4	17.6	18.8	17.3	15.8	14.5	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.1	13.4	13.6	13.5
Perry	5,440	5,200	5,540	5,570	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,800	5,920	5,910	5,890	5,980	6,000
	11.5	16.9	17.5	24.4	19.7	15.5	14.2	14.0	13.2	13.7	13.1	13.0	11.9	11.8	17.0
Pickens	7,670	7,620	7,600	7,580	7,640	7,730	7,940	7,910	7,990	7,900	7,970	7,780	7,800	7,900	7,830
	15.9	19.6	17.1	18.3	17.3	17.6	19.2	20.2	19.3	18.1	16.1	14.7	14.2	14.7	14.0
Pike	13,230	13,230	13,750	13,400	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070	14,590	14,390
	10.0	13.4	13.5	17.4	17.7	16.8	14.4	12.5	12.6	12.8	13.7	12.5	11.9	11.1	12.0
Randolph	9,110	9,670	9,720	9,460	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470	8,930	8,830
	10.8	21.8	24.7	24.9	25.7	22.5	18.7	17.2	18.0	16.8	24.1	16.4	13.6	13.3	14.4
Russell	17,310	18,050	17,970	17,990	18,090	18,090	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,690	17,370	18,140
	12.2	16.7	17.7	17.0	17.9	17.5	15.9	14.0	13.6	11.8	12.0	11.2	12.2	12.5	12.4
St. Clair	18,570	18,970	18,770	18,990	19,410	19,620	19,560	19,230	18,970	18,770	18,870	18,870	18,970	19,120	19,420
	11.3	14.7	14.8	15.5	17.8	18.0	16.9	14.9	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.1	12.7	12.4	13.5
Shelby	29,150	29,910	29,560	30,490	30,260	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190	30,650	30,690
	9.2	13.0	12.9	15.3	15.2	14.4	13.4	11.7	12.6	11.1	11.2	11.1	11.7	12.1	11.9
Sumter	6,820	6,970	7,100	7,160	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,470	7,350	7,280	7,460	7,490
	13.0	17.4	16.0	16.5	17.2	15.7	16.1	14.2	12.0	14.3	15.0	12.8	10.3	11.3	12.4
Talladega	29,480	30,630	30,930	31,260	31,230	31,220	30,980	30,530	30,570	30,180	30,400	30,380	30,090	30,500	30,220
	13.5	19.3	20.5	20.6	21.5	21.3	19.8	17.2	17.2	17.0	16.9	16.9	16.0	15.8	15.4
Tallapoosa	16,420	17,250	16,960	16,980	17,330	17,240	17,360	17,070	17,110	17,650	18,230	17,810	17,550	17,840	17,920
	8.4	13.3	12.3	11.8	13.7	12.4	13.6	10.2	11.1	11.0	13.9	10.9	9.5	10.4	10.0
Tuscaloosa	55,160	55,380	54,890	55,140	56,030	56,800	56,320	55,690	55,910	54,990	55,610	55,830	55,600	56,840	57,390
	10.3	12.6	11.4	12.1	14.5	15.2	13.5	11.9	12.5	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.1	11.5	11.5
Walker	31,510	31,720	31,420	32,180	32,420	32,690	32,500	32,360	32,330	32,080	32,690	32,580	32,450	33,470	33,570
	13.0	15.1	15.2	16.9	18.0	18.0	16.6	15.7	15.7	14.4	14.6	14.2	14.9	16.6	16.5
Washington	6,030	6,260	6,330	6,260	6,430	6,320	6,430	6,480	6,520	6,640	6,810	6,560	6,750	6,790	6,700
	13.0	16.8	18.5	19.8	22.5	21.1	20.0	20.5	20.0	19.6	20.6	17.4	17.2	16.7	16.8
Wilcox	4,840	5,170	6,110	5,510	5,410	5,420	5,440	5,410	5,290	5,220	5,260	5,710	5,360	5,500	5,410
	12.6	22.6	34.0	25.6	25.5	28.0	26.6	26.2	21.3	20.6	19.0	18.4	19.4	19.9	19.7
Winston	8,310	8,450	8,700	8,520	8,480	8,780	8,500	8,340	8,280	8,210	8,320	8,250	8,310	8,530	8,550
	16.5	22.6	23.2	23.9	25.7	27.6	22.1	18.8	17.3	17.2	17.8	17.1	16.3	17.5	18.8
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	727,078	551,093	56,588	26,764	68,870	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	16,032	8,142	709	591	447	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,430,730	1,222,158	122,662	99,164	78,730	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,210	14,577	1,241	1,269	1,133	1,057	757	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	524	547	546
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[6] *(1,000 tons)*	37,649	39,655	3,259	3,050	3,030	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,713	22,680	1,616	1,762	1,995	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588
Gasoline sales[6] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,849,225	1,840,396	148,040	161,810	147,757	132,674	163,666	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	.....	.....
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	112,051	100,717	9,441	9,205	8,018	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,580	3,634	302	324	290	290	309	323	323	336	356	338	325	.....	.....
General stores with food and gas	319	331	27	28	25	24	28	29	29	32	30	29	28	.....	.....
General merchandise	2,190	2,292	231	312	123	150	192	204	171	163	190	198	194	.....	.....
Apparel	486	499	43	69	33	32	46	45	44	42	41	47	47	.....	.....
Furniture, furnishings, etc	527	534	46	55	40	41	49	49	53	56	56	60	58	.....	.....
Automotive	2,570	2,690	234	226	208	223	285	294	313	336	343	358	349	.....	.....
Gasoline service stations	1,384	1,342	109	105	85	81	92	90	101	94	88	90	85	.....	.....
Lumber and building materials	844	778	66	61	54	56	73	76	90	97	98	114	111	.....	.....
Hardware and farm implements	384	351	30	30	23	24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42	.....	.....
Eating places	1,043	1,112	92	98	82	87	101	99	104	104	110	111	107	.....	.....
Drug stores	458	536	42	50	37	39	39	40	42	36	38	39	37	.....	.....
All other retail	2,445	2,433	198	255	161	163	203	201	235	238	216	236	232	.....	.....
Total sales by retail concerns	16,230	16,530	1,420	1,616	1,161	1,209	1,450	1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615	.....	.....
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,514	4,749	390	399	336	321	392	357	394	403	377	392	415	.....	.....
Total all sales at retail	20,744	21,279	1,810	2,015	1,497	1,530	1,842	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030	.....	.....
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	423,025	432,037	36,511	40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	.....	.....
Birmingham	5,494,855	5,604,600	473,309	534,536	405,797	407,194	498,000	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301	.....	.....
Dothan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,180	67,277	62,625	.....	.....
Florence	556,594	571,705	48,926	56,257	34,813	35,858	44,376	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784	.....	.....
Gadsden	436,613	395,827	33,575	35,395	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	46,586	.....	.....
Huntsville	1,260,399	1,064,650	73,780	79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714	.....	.....
Mobile	2,233,905	2,131,321	175,690	198,501	151,625	148,825	178,187	172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431	.....	.....
Montgomery	1,194,774	1,224,760	105,532	117,205	90,567	93,802	110,391	113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640	.....	.....
Tuscaloosa	546,744	552,075	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387	.....	.....
Counties															
Autauga	107,817	107,927	8,868	9,384	7,820	8,284	9,694	9,681	10,388	10,986	9,939	9,677	9,116	.....	.....
Baldwin	374,226	366,715	27,634	29,025	21,223	21,810	27,273	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665	.....	.....
Barbour	65,935	62,778	5,474	5,470	4,466	4,521	5,091	5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871	.....	.....
Bibb	27,206	27,761	2,306	2,944	2,134	1,988	2,306	2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810	.....	.....
Blount	83,509	80,384	6,292	6,778	5,787	5,816	6,802	6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797	.....	.....
Bullock	30,211	59,766	5,604	6,349	5,980	5,761	2,347	2,873	2,606	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915	.....	.....
Butler	65,054	61,385	5,162	5,976	4,913	4,716	5,309	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367	.....	.....
Calhoun	423,025	432,037	36,511	40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	.....	.....
Chambers	94,277	91,694	7,896	8,054	7,121	6,980	8,411	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337	.....	.....
Cherokee	55,069	52,267	4,046	4,458	3,439	3,696	4,595	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789	.....	.....
Chilton	85,151	92,525	7,626	7,679	6,238	6,094	7,763	8,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475	.....	.....
Choctaw	49,651	50,700	4,196	4,464	3,902	3,592	4,143	3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	3,941	.....	.....
Clarke	90,980	89,267	7,504	8,101	6,884	6,688	7,822	8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945	.....	.....
Clay	26,767	26,957	2,221	2,525	2,041	2,004	2,185	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339	.....	.....
Cleburne	22,776	24,342	2,293	2,290	2,013	1,982	2,407	2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577	.....	.....
Coffee	139,979	142,602	12,103	12,842	10,961	11,476	13,642	13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887	.....	.....

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	285,137	296,642	24,906	25,568	15,668	15,934	17,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485	.....	.....
Conecuh	37,804	34,109	2,850	2,896	2,310	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911	.....	.....
Coosa	22,333	20,855	1,622	1,646	1,234	1,343	1,438	1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500	.....	.....
Covington	136,198	140,600	10,819	12,200	9,874	10,147	12,394	13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128	.....	.....
Crenshaw	33,792	32,420	2,686	2,636	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072	.....	.....
Cullman	253,646	248,962	20,556	20,837	18,596	17,214	21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,844	26,708	.....	.....
Dale	93,394	97,392	7,607	8,789	6,939	6,630	8,059	8,450	9,203	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090	.....	.....
Dallas	210,054	188,352	15,378	16,686	12,389	12,311	14,659	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629	.....	.....
DeKalb	169,062	171,545	14,050	15,146	10,222	10,360	12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975	.....	.....
Elmore	87,830	82,262	6,504	6,985	5,690	6,260	6,853	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817	.....	.....
Escambia	139,098	133,511	11,943	12,888	9,786	9,805	12,191	12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897	.....	.....
Etowah	436,613	396,827	33,575	35,395	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586	.....	.....
Fayette	87,645	85,349	6,668	8,235	6,419	6,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199	.....	.....
Franklin	92,420	88,064	7,142	7,560	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287	.....	.....
Geneva	134,459	146,372	12,562	13,053	12,536	11,895	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682	.....	.....
Greene	22,753	21,917	1,885	1,939	1,412	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103	.....	.....
Hale	36,129	35,115	2,828	3,191	2,409	2,631	2,988	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,090	.....	.....
Henry	45,233	40,210	3,359	3,452	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,528	3,890	.....	.....
Houston	442,988	430,944	37,218	41,807	33,510	33,236	40,242	42,059	42,876	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535	.....	.....
Jackson	154,603	147,971	11,341	12,281	9,432	10,571	12,836	12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068	.....	.....
Jefferson	4,861,688	4,911,771	413,960	471,175	350,817	352,555	431,552	433,065	448,400	466,509	464,146	497,248	522,309	.....	.....
Lamar	37,002	37,354	2,870	4,159	2,807	2,537	2,923	3,158	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912	.....	.....
Lauderdale	271,457	275,083	24,020	30,689	19,145	19,924	25,299	26,193	26,867	27,811	36,382	37,957	36,299	.....	.....
Lawrence	63,483	64,612	5,398	5,579	4,511	4,057	4,982	5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692	.....	.....
Lee	308,421	291,706	24,709	26,086	20,468	22,057	26,366	26,569	28,742	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165	.....	.....
Limestone	147,969	148,159	12,513	13,292	9,395	9,417	12,346	12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335	.....	.....
Lowndes	23,213	23,153	1,883	2,037	1,622	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870	.....	.....
Macon	45,438	42,695	3,200	3,138	2,754	2,950	3,369	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431	.....	.....
Madison	838,433	859,741	73,780	79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,251	111,714	.....	.....
Marengo	85,699	87,042	8,098	7,867	5,683	5,672	6,959	7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791	.....	.....
Marion	68,640	69,720	5,750	6,441	5,540	5,129	6,255	6,329	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372	.....	.....
Marshall	273,997	267,967	21,618	24,348	19,349	20,189	24,855	26,811	28,876	29,248	35,269	37,497	36,544	.....	.....
Mobile	1,859,679	1,764,606	148,056	169,476	130,402	127,015	150,914	144,992	155,972	165,485	194,317	202,040	183,766	.....	.....
Monroe	94,613	103,747	11,375	8,675	7,364	7,834	9,431	9,134	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899	.....	.....
Montgomery	999,127	1,034,571	90,160	100,836	77,057	79,258	93,844	96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707	.....	.....
Morgan	480,257	476,700	36,807	41,932	34,084	35,473	46,673	46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013	.....	.....
Perry	30,104	28,382	2,315	2,375	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863	.....	.....
Pickens	55,550	51,737	4,380	4,713	3,423	3,262	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,786	4,985	4,943	4,439	.....	.....
Pike	88,946	83,838	6,722	7,230	5,631	6,066	7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512	.....	.....
Randolph	55,212	54,925	4,769	5,473	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158	.....	.....
Russell	92,012	95,466	7,780	8,845	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142	.....	.....
St. Clair	105,105	105,453	8,525	9,141	8,139	9,021	10,908	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077	.....	.....
Shelby	262,248	261,472	21,559	22,598	19,238	18,370	23,908	25,959	27,540	28,824	26,130	27,337	27,242	.....	.....
Sumter	35,672	34,455	2,551	3,183	2,474	2,552	2,844	2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143	.....	.....
Talladega	227,798	219,173	17,778	19,303	16,832	16,044	19,138	19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383	.....	.....
Tallapoosa	125,921	122,749	10,422	11,435	9,348	9,634	11,180	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783	.....	.....
Tuscaloosa	546,744	552,075	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387	.....	.....
Walker	265,814	286,965	22,973	24,844	21,816	21,432	24,830	25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876	.....	.....
Washington	32,035	29,920	2,372	2,440	2,215	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352	.....	.....
Wilcox	33,877	35,627	2,910	3,095	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324	.....	.....
Winston	65,605	64,654	5,157	5,263	4,440	4,496	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166	.....	.....
Statewide[11]	3,600,377	4,185,970	376,675	426,315	267,551	294,386	353,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	145,084	136,259	145,200	.....	.....
BUILDING ACTIVITY[12]															
Alabama total															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	832,986	712,696	49,714	68,161	53,990	51,536	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881
Residential	295,838	237,082	18,975	18,021	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063
Nonresidential	280,294	300,343	19,385	40,754	16,128	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	8,062	5,965	362	422	439	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718
Residential	3,089	2,700	250	239	269	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261
Nonresidential	1,819	442	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	152,970	109,048	6,510	28,748	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104
Residential	31,815	13,918	565	845	495	690	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904
Nonresidential	34,576	61,839	2,628	27,027	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	18,048	8,551	652	716	648	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004
Residential	6,447	2,937	190	170	230	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	995	862	663
Nonresidential	10,157	3,812	285	388	272	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	17,578	28,821	1,870	2,206	1,299	841	2,162	899	695	1,073	1,368	1,340	700	3,402	2,191
Residential	4,982	5,626	289	450	458	450	884	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805
Nonresidential	4,394	9,720	1,359	1,217	345	88	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	8,035	10,429	468	1,137	1,359	254	981	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389
Residential	1,166	1,517	71	77	23	63	271	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75
Nonresidential	819	3,271	303	435	181	5	53	2	378	271	161	2	271	201	1,283
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	56,466	58,302	3,031	3,546	3,561	4,819	6,213	5,583	15,688	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742
Residential	10,571	18,311	1,732	1,236	2,365	3,170	3,240	1,935	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598
Nonresidential	32,638	14,238	809	630	542	550	1,874	1,766	10,098	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	95,890	83,675	9,570	4,881	5,796	8,906	9,046	8,756	14,828	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760
Residential	21,398	19,544	686	1,051	2,258	7,068	2,489	6,816	4,337	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586
Nonresidential	48,281	43,701	7,596	2,751	2,202	805	3,737	973	9,054	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	49,867	52,352	4,017	2,861	4,057	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764
Residential	14,560	15,363	1,607	1,363	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278
Nonresidential	16,266	22,178	1,815	960	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170
Quad-Cities[11]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	29,011	18,563	1,238	781	798	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360
Residential	11,429	7,481	1,027	780	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874
Nonresidential	8,453	5,722	3		56	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	4,546	2,757	72	25	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98
Residential	1,027	987	25		8		25	63	125	50		20			65
Nonresidential	1,029	1,739	10	6		18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	17,343	21,418	1,023	771	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809
Residential	4,956	6,592	301	427	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717
Nonresidential	6,617	8,408	41	135	1,509	209	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. [2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. [3]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. [4]End-of-month balance. [5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. [6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. [7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year. [8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations. [9]Excludes sales to federal government. [10]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company. [11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.** [12]Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential-nonresidential. [13]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Embargo Continues

The embargo on updates to monthly retail trade which was put in force in the February issue continues with this issue. The reasons that make this action necessary were stated here in the February issue. In brief, the problem concerns inconsistencies in the data brought by a change in Alabama's sales tax reporting form. CBER is working to resolve this situation and will restore the data as quickly as possible.

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The Economy in Perspective

Alabama Tourism and the 1984 World Exposition

On May 12 the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition opens its doors in New Orleans. The fair, focusing on the problems and opportunities of providing sufficient fresh water for all people, will feature at least twenty-four international exhibitors and many private industry contributions. Approximately 11 million visitors are expected to attend the exposition before it closes November 11.

Alabama's Bureau of Publicity and Information has developed a campaign to promote the state to the 3.5 to 5 million people expected to travel its interstate highways on the way to the fair. Captioned "Alabama -- the way to go," the campaign touts Alabama as a direct route with good highways, less traffic, and lots of hospitality for travelers to the World Exposition or to such Florida attractions as Walt Disney World. According to Ed Hall, director of the Bureau, this has been a well-coordinated statewide campaign involving almost every city and community.

One major aspect of Alabama's contribution will be its support for an Amtrak train to run between Mobile and New Orleans. Governor George Wallace was instrumental in securing the operation of the train, which will run for the duration of the exposition. The $1 million subsidy required will be split among Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The state's efforts also include publication of a new tourist book. State parks have been spruced up. And Alabama's welcome centers have geared up with staff retraining and complete tourist information. As a convenience, the centers will make reservations at hotels within the state on request. The Highway Department has joined in the effort by orienting state troopers and making certain that highways are in top shape.

While cities on the primary interstate corridors will benefit most from World Exposition travelers, many other cities are involved in community improvement and advertising campaigns and are expected to reap some of the benefits. A number of cities are offering special discount coupon books, available by mail or at the welcome centers. And many new information brochures have been printed.

First target of the statewide promotional campaign has been the group travel market, with advertising placed in major travel trade papers and meeting and convention publications. These groups book well in advance and already the investment has paid off handsomely, according to Mr. Hall. Hotel reservations in Mobile for the six months of the fair are up 300 percent over the same period last year. Montgomery and Huntsville also report substantial increases in reservations.

In January the state began the second phase of its advertising, targeting the individual traveler. Ads for Alabama and for individual cities and attractions are appearing in such consumer magazines as *Southern Living* and *Saturday Evening Post* and will continue at least until June. In addition, editorial support for Alabama tourism has been strong.

State officials have been very pleased with the cooperative promotional effort within the state and with the tourist response. The project is expected to reap benefits beyond the duration of the Louisiana World Exposition. The state now has a wealth of up-to-date tourist information. Increased awareness of Alabama's attractions and positive exposure should result in future tourism gains in the state. And improvement projects undertaken by the state and its cities as part of the campaign will yield long-term improvement in the quality of life for Alabama's citizens.

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